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**24033****CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), (**continued prosecution application (CPA)**) of prior application number 09/376,651 filed on August 18, 1999, entitled FEED ASSISTANCE MEMBER AND A MEDIUM PROCESSING APPARATUS.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above is a non-provisional application that is complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request (37 C.F.R. § 1.78 (a)).

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
☒ Clean version of all pending claims under 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3)

3. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d)(4)).

- a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.

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5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:

- a. ☐ PTO-1449
b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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02 FC:103

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FEE CALCULATION:	Number filed:	Number Extra:	Rate:	Calculations:
Total Claims:	30 - 20	10	18	180
Independent Claims:	3 - 3	0	80	0
Multiple Dependent Claims:				
Basic Fee:				710
Subtotal:				
890				
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:				N/A
TOTAL:				\$890

6. Small Entity Status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed, if (b) and (c) do not apply.
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ is no longer claimed.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0585:

- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.
- c. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.

8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$890 is enclosed.

9. ☐ New Attorney Docket No., if desired: _____

- 10. a. ☐ Receipt for Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)
- b. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard.

11. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time and check#12863 for \$390

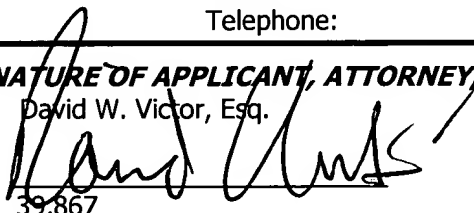
NOTE: The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA unless a new correspondence address is provided below.

12. NEW CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:

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13. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name: David W. Victor, Esq.
 Signature: 
 Registration No.: 39,867
 Date: December 6, 2000

I hereby certify that the foregoing Continued Prosecution Application Request is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service with sufficient postage under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Box CPA, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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